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UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

File Application of: Guenter Ries
Application Number: 10/591,082
Filing Date: 08/29/2006
Group Art Unit: 2832
Examiner: Ramon M. Barrera
Title: LINEAR DRIVE DEVICE PROVIDED WITH AN
ARMATURE BODY HAVING A MAGNET
CARRIER

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Response to Restriction Requirement

Dear Sir:

This communication is responsive to the Restriction Requirement dated February 4, 2009 and is accompanied by a request for a one-month extension of time. Please charge or credit Deposit Account No. 502786 for any deficiency or overpayment.

Claims 12-31 are pending in the application.

The Restriction Requirement alleges that there are two distinct species as follows:

- (I) Species I, magnet carrier consists entirely of an insulating material, claims 13 and 25; and
- (II) Species II, magnet carrier includes a metal material, claims 14 and 26.

The Restriction Requirement requires election of one of these Species.

Applicant elects Species II with traverse and respectfully requests reconsideration of the Restriction Requirement. Claims 14 and 26 read upon the elected Species. Claims 12, 14-24, and 27-31 are also generic to both Species.

If the Examiner has any questions regarding this response, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned. If an extension of time for this paper is required, petition for extension is herewith made

Respectfully submitted



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